

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. Claims 5 and 18-29 have been cancelled by this amendment. Therefore, claims 1-4 and 6-17 are at issue.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of originally-filed claim 5. Support for this amendment can be found in claim 5 and in the specification at page 13, lines 17-23, for example.

Applicant hereby affirms the election of claims 1-17, i.e., examiner's Group I. Applicant also has cancelled withdrawn claims 18-29 without prejudice to filing a divisional application directed to the subject matter of these claims.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the examiner requires clarification as to how a measurable color transition can occur based on the claimed composition.

The claimed composition does not contain a traditional "dye". As set forth in the specification, a color transition occurs *in situ* when a dialdehyde contacts the claimed composition and forms a complex with the diamino carboxylic acid component of the composition. This complex is colored, and the intensity of the color that is generated directly relates to the amount of dialdehyde in the test sample, i.e., the greater weight percent of dialdehyde in the test sample, the more complex that is formed, and, in turn, the more intense color that is generated. The color that is generated then is correlated to the amount of dialdehyde in the test sample by the use of

but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In view of the amendment to claim 1, which incorporates the features of objected to, but allowable, claim 5, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1-4, 7-11, 13, 14, 16, and 17 as being anticipated by, or obvious over, the '533 now is moot. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1, and claims 2-4 and 6-17 depending therefrom, are in a condition for allowance.

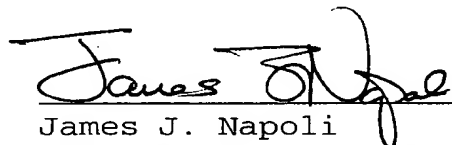
In summary, it is submitted that the claims are now in proper form and scope for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, or any matter of form in an effort to advance this application toward allowance, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN

By


James J. Napoli
(Registration No. 32,361)
Attorneys for Applicants
6300 Sears Tower
233 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606
(312) 474-6300

Chicago, Illinois
April 14, 2003



Creation date: 11-10-2003
Indexing Officer: CTO - CUONG TO
Team: OIPEBackFileIndexing
Dossier: 09697374

Legal Date: 07-03-2003

| No. | Doccode | Number of pages |
|-----|---------|-----------------|
| 1 | CTNF | 5 |
| 2 | 892 | 1 |

Total number of pages: 6

Remarks:

Order of re-scan issued on